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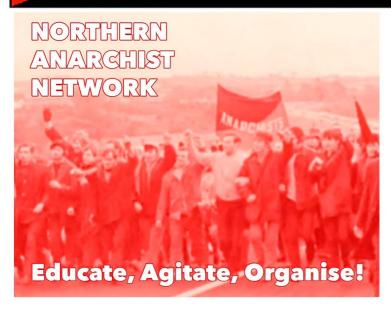
## BARRICADE BULLETIN

This is now the 14th issue of Barricade Bulletin which will for this issue cover the June to August period. Printed and produced voluntarily by the Derry Anarchist Collective to bring you all the news and information from anarchists in Derry and those who have extended solidarity with.

As anarchists we are active within our own workplaces and communities where we live. As part of our ongoing education process we meet monthly to continue with 'Conversations on Anarchism', with other likeminded anarchists, but also to help the processing of developing and educating ourselves and those of us who are new to anarchism and its principles. If you feel you would like to participate and help build locally then please get in touch.

Barricade Bulletin is a free Irish Anarchist Bulletin issued to help generate anarchist information, interest and knowledge of class struggle anarchism to an increasingly wider audience.

Barricade Bulletin takes its name from the radical community news sheet printed and distributed during the period of Free Derry.



We have also received solidairty from anarchists in **Sligo**, Newry and **Donegal** who have reached out where they live since our last issue.

There is of course **Belfast Anarchists** who have been active around issues such as IWW 'Wage Theft' campaign, rents and social housing and ongoing antifascist work. Full report from on Belfast anarchist activity on pages 6 - 7.

Since then, our own mutual consensus following this ongoing wave of local activity by northern anarchists has been to further promote solidarity and networking together in anyway we can: If we don't do it for ourselves, no one will!

The possibility of creating an informal network of anarchists was one such way that could assist or encourage more informal links, to help build and promote anarchism from:

Sharing and promoting news, publications and solidarity actions on anarchism locally and internationally.

Promoting and sharing anarchist propaganda and educational items and creating more talks/discussions on Anarchism.

Creating ways to provide easy access to relevant anarchist propaganda and educational material.

Another issue was the need for anarchists to be more visible at pickets, protests, demos or wherever possible etc and encouraging solidarity with others to work together to fulfill these ends where possible.

If you or your group would like to be added to this growing list of activism, suggestions or better still become part of it such an informal network, then drop us a line at: derryanarchists@gmail.com

Over the last number of months, anarchist activity and interest in anarchism generally has increased. This can be seen by anarchist visibility generally, such as participation at public events as the streets begin to open up a bit more due to the pandemic. For ourselves, we have witnessed growth, contact and communication from anarchists in other areas. The distrubution of Barricade Bulletin has helped encourage that visibility and this is something we feel needs to continue.

Anarchists in smaller towns or villiages have been encouraged by seeing other anarchists mobilse, and not just on social media. Anarchists in **Strabane** have been active in distributing Barricade Bulletin and anarchist info, and attending the recent solidarity action against Dalradian's Toxic Gold Mining efforts.

In **Monaghan**, anarchists have been active this past year, especially after the murder of George Floyd, helping to organise a Black Lives Matter/ anti-DP solidarity demonstration in Monaghan to which the town responded very positively. Anarchists have also been active organising for solidarity for Palestine as well as reaching out to other anarchists around Ulster.

# STRIKE ACTION NEWS:

### Ex-Debenhams workers end strike action after 406 days of industrial action

News came last month of the end, to what was one of the longest strike actions, as ex-Debenhams Workers acceptance of the settlement offer by 319 to 102.



An acceptance came after an estimated 406 days of struggle for a just redundancy settlement. A majority of former Debenhams staff have voted to accept the offer of a €3 million training fund.

The workers, who were effectively abandoned by their business union MANDATE and ICTU bureaucrats, released a statement by the workers themselves following the accepted offer read, "When the redundancy announcements were made it was clear that our union MANDATE were conditioned by what they saw as the normal course of events in liquidation situations, that is to say that we would have to settle for our bare statutory minimum entitlements from the state social insurance funds, which we all paid into in the first instance, and wage no fight for something better.

"Once MANDATE saw our willingness to fight they should have thrown their full weight behind us and pressured ICTU to do likewise and take up Debenhams as an important test case. Insofar as the Covid restrictions allowed much more could have been done to bring home the message to all MANDATE members and the wider trade union movement that the outcome of our dispute would have implications for them.

"On that basis various forms of action could have been taken to get these workers behind our campaign and put additional political and economic pressure on government and employers.

"However MANDATE at official level consistently adopted a passive minimalist approach living in fear of the threat of injunctions and the Industrial Relations Act which by design is intended to make industrial struggle weak and ineffective. Hence the officials took no part in the militant actions and protests we decided upon.

"We believe in trade unions and the need for a strong effective trade union movement in the tradition of its founders James Connolly and Jim Larkin. However our experience shows that the movement needs to be transformed from the bottom up with more power to the rank and file and elected shop stewards to decide the conduct of campaigns and disputes. After all the union is its members."



Solidarity Protest: IWW at Debenhams in Belfast





# June 11th: International Actions in Solidarity with Anarchist Prisoners



Anarchists in Belfast and Derry have taken part in a series of international solidarity actions with long-term anarchist prisoners.

The international June 11th committee which has run the day of actions for the past number of years (june11.noblogs.org/) has used the day to help raise awarness and solidarity with 'long-term' anarchists imprisoned throughout the would.

Here in Ireland, anarchists in Derry, Belfast and Galway created a number of banners and held banner drops across their locations to help raise awareness locally.

Irish anarchist prisoner, John Paul Wootton of the Craigavon Two issued a statement in relation to his own imprisonment and as an anarchist. To date, John Paul and Brendan McConville continue to fight against their wrongfull imprisonment as thier ongoing miscarriage of justice continues.

Banners in Derry and Belfast where raised in solidarity with the ongoing Justice for the Craigavon Two and anarchists internationally which attract-

ed a lot of attention during each event in solidarity.

A spokesperson for the Incarcerated Workers Organising Committee who helped organise todays events commented following today's actions: "it is vital that we actively participated in international actions such as today's events in Derry and Belfast. It is vital that each of us to help draw attention to the treatment of incarcerated workers currently held within the prison system, North and South.

"The issue of the continuing incarceration of Brendan McConville and John Paul Wootton by the state must never be far from our lips when we talk of injustice here in Ireland or elsewhere. This miscarriage of justice has to be called out for what it is by everyone.

"Every community or political group, every trade union and human rights organisation, all those who genuinely seek human rights and social justice for all. We demand they too raise the concerns of the Wootton and McConville families and help demand an immediate end to this wrongful imprisonment."

A spokesperson for the Anarchist Black Cross said "We are here to help echo the international call on 11th June, as today in many countries throughout the world, anarchist and class struggle prisoners are joining with us in solidarity.

"Likewise we must never allow anarchist prisoners to be forgotten or isolated by the state, which is why our work is one of solidarity and mutual aid with those on the inside."



# June 11th: Anarchist Prisoner Statement



I suppose my story is far from usual. It begins as a teenager, not yet 18 years old and angry at socio-economic conditions within his community.

Growing up in working-class Irish Republican areas, it was inevitable that I would be intensely exposed to that ideology and its propaganda. It claimed that all the ills in Irish society could be blamed on British state interference and that only an independent socialist state could offer a solution. The history, the romance, and the already strong presence in the community were hard to resist. I had found my answer. Being young and inexperienced, my involvement was quite peripheral. It amount to not much more than attending street protests and distributing propaganda. However minor my role, the state took a dim view. I had dared to challenge its status quo; I was now a legitimate target.

On March 9th 2009, the Continuity Irish Republican Army (CIRA) ambushed a Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) convoy and killed Constable Steven Carroll. In response, the state swooped: raiding and making a number of arrests. I was held and interrogated for 14 days before being shipped off to prison. I was eventually convicted of involvement in the attack at a non-jury show trial and given a life sentence with a minimum tariff of 18 years in prison. I was 17 years old at the time and had no involvement whatsoever in the events of that night. The state needed a victory against armed Republicans and as a scape-

goat, I fit the bill.

While in prison, my place naturally was among other incarcerated Republican activists. Over the years, we collectively engaged in prison struggle, enduring harsh conditions and brutality in order to assert ourselves as political prisoners and improve our quality of life. We had some successes but certain tactical decisions were made which, alongside internal difficulties, I believe undermined progress.

Over the years of struggle, my political outlook matured and my understanding of concepts like liberty and domination deepened. I began to recognise that Republicanism had a very narrow view of the world and an entrenched authoritarian culture. I became convinced that any independent Irish state, socialist or otherwise, would be just as harmful as the British state.

So, after about 7 years of life as a Republican prisoner, I began to become uncomfortable with the Republican label. I delved in to more libertarian ideas and eventually embraced anarchism.

In keeping with my new values, I left the comfort of the Republican prisoner community and entered the 'ordinary' prisoner population. This was a difficult decision as I was leaving behind not only an ideology and culture I now fundamentally disagreed with, but also good friends and comrades. Now in the general prison population for a number of years, I have been proud to bring the ideas of anarchism to others who find themselves oppressed in our society and to promote community, solidarity and mutual aid.

I continue to do what I can to promote positive change. I continue to challenge my ongoing imprisonment and fight back against the state and different forms of domination. With the support of my family, the solidarity of other activists and the mutual aid of my fellow prisoners, I am able to forge ahead and face down repressive acts by the state. I will not allow them to break me and will continue to rage in my way.

John Paul Wootton Davis E3 Maghaberry Prison, BT282PT, North Ireland

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# Ainrialaithe Bhéal Feirste

We talk to Belfast Anarchists who are helping to build working class resistance on the streets and in the workplace!



June 11th Prisoner Solidarity Action: Taking our message to the streets in Belfast for Prison Abolition

In Belfast today, a small group of anarchists, abolitionists, and anti-authoritarian communists has formed around old and new anarchist infrastructure.

For wont of a better label, we are Belfast Anarchists/Ainrialaithe Bhéal Feirste – leave the fancy names and acronyms to the statists, we're here to build community solidarity, smash the state, and abolish capitalism (if the sea doesn't swallow us before the insurrection).

We are a group with shared anarchist values but representing slightly different tendencies inside the anarchist, autonomist, and abolitionist family. Anarchists often struggle to pass on the flame to the next generation as by our very nature we tend to prioritise the here and now over long-term building, so while there have been many anarchist groups before us but most of us only know of them through myth and legend. Though relatively small in number, we are made up of women, gender non-conforming folks, men, and queer people. We are proud to span that divide Wolfe Tone sought to bring together, but we are not struggling for some bourgeoisie state. Rather we want a world free from domination, where all are able to flourish without fear of incarceration, capitalism, or petty nationalisms. Those who organise with us are involved with plenty of other organisations seeking to build a new and better world right here in Belfast and across the North.

As a group, we have worked to keep fascist propaganda off the walls of this city. The pandemic and subsequent lockdowns have been

a breeding ground for far-right and anti-Semitic conspiracy theories. Anarchists helped oppose fascist Irish Freedom Party and their stooges in Yellow Vest Ireland by joining revolutionary socialists and republicans in chasing them out of town. 'Anti-lockdown' groups were busy covering lampposts in far-right talking points, so we got busy replacing them with solidarity messages to the people of Rojava, anti-cop propaganda, and anticapitalist slogans. When we discovered British Movement stickers calling for the deportation of migrants and countless other racist dogwhistles, we took them down, covered them up, and plastered anti-Nazi posters in Loyalist strongholds. When TERF bile appeared on the streets surrounding City Hall, we anarchists tore it down and are committing to a propaganda campaign to stand with out our trans and gender non-conforming comrades and the wider city. There can be no tolerance for fascists, be they National Socialists or TERFs.

But who could forget our homegrown authoritarians and bigots? Loyalist talking-heads and the tired, bitter voices of religious fundamentalists have stoked anger in our most deprived communities and are promising to bring sectarian hatred to our streets. Beatings and shootings in paramilitary-dominated areas across the North have not stopped. Women and trans individuals are still prevented from accessing adequate healthcare. Religious conservatives from both traditions have formed alliances to harass those leaving abortion providers. The authoritarian streak that cuts across the religious divide keeps our communities in bondage and prevents class consciousness. As anarchists, we must rekindle the radical class politics needed to bring our communities together and unite against the tyranny of capitalism, imperialism, and the state. We will look out for ourselves without the opportunistic meddling of state, para-state, and paramilitary organisations. We have much work to do.

However, a united working class offers a chance to build a new world in the ashes of the old – free from the sectarian, patriarchal, racist, and homophobic divisions exploited by those who claim the title of 'political leaders' and 'Ministers'.



#### Palestine Solidarity in Belfast

These stop-and-start lockdowns have been a learning curve for many people in Belfast and across the globe. Being exposed to the relentless brutality of capital and the state has radicalised many towards liberation politics. Watching helplessly as British, Irish and EU governments alike put the free movement of goods and capital ahead of the free movement of refugees and asylum seekers only became more potent when the borders were shut too late to prevent hundreds of thousands needlessly dying.

All the while cabinet ministers, politicians families, and corporate bigwigs consolidated their positions, and got rich off the genocidal commitment to 'getting the economy moving again'.

The Black Lives Matter uprisings across Amerika, and subsequent solidarity protests across the world, has radicalised a new generation of young, liberation-focused activists and caused white people (like ourselves) to seriously examine our role in upholding white supremacy. The tired old rhetoric of state socialists and assimilationist politicians pales in comparison to the thriving and vibrant conversations surrounding liberation for Black people, Women, Trans people, Queer people, and the oppressed everywhere.

Prison and police abolition is now in the mainstream discourse; union agitation has grown and grown; the old world of patriarchal violence and white supremacist 'civilisation' is being challenged at every turn. The politics of death that the ruling class relies on is under serious threat as a new generation watches as cops worldwide brutalise, rape, and kill indigenous people,

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# "Anarchism is far too important to leave it in the hands of anarchists alone."



Ruyman Rodriguez, member of the Anarchist Federation of Gran Canaria and organiser with the Tenants Union of Gran Canaria, who have been providing housing for hundreds of families. Ruyman is currently being targeted by Spanish authorities due to his involvement with these groups. He spoke recently to independent journalist Cuellilargo on his work with the Union, anarchism and what we can learn from his experiences. Below is a fragment from this conversation. (Source: Cuelli\_TV)

**Cuellilargo:** Have you any advice for other collectives around Spain where people are looking to start similar projects [to the Tenants Union]?

**Ruyman:** "We wouldn't like to give lessons to anyone, because what we have learned ourselves came after falling over two thousand times and messing up another three thousand.

"So, we are in no position to tell anyone how to proceed. Maybe we could tell others how we see things ourselves and how we would like things to develop, and the way we did it. The first thing is to meet your affinity group and study the situation in your area. After you establish the most urgent issue of your neighbours, you need to be prepared to develop the strategy to solve these

issues... Stop doing anarchism for anarchists and start being an anarchist for the people. Anarchism is far too important to leave it in the hands of anarchists alone. Useful anarchism is the one that non-anarchist people use. We don't have to be obsessed with mixing with people that think exactly like us, or ideological perfection.

"Try to listen and learn. There is a fixation about the need to "awaken" the people... when we should be making sure that we are awake ourselves to begin with. Go to your neighbours, listen, see what they can teach you. For me, the Tenants Union has been a master class in anarchism, thanks to what I learned from my neighbours. And then we can start to solve problems. Let people see that anarchism is not a perfect ideal.

"I don't want to live anarchism in 100 years, because I won't be here to see it. I want to live anarchism here and now. Already. I might live it in a very limited version, just a tiny bit, but that tiny bit of anarchism is worth everything we can give for it, because it will show that it is useful, that it works, that people can fix their own lives using libertarian tools exclusively.

"Even though they might never use that term or call themselves anarchists. I don't want anarchism to be a perfect shiny artifact without a single stain. I want anarchism to be a dirty piece of paper, creased and covered in scribbles, a bit of paper that you can take out of your pocket and give it to anyone and tell them "take it, this is your too. I want anarchism to be available to everyone, and when we can achieve that, perhaps tomorrow we will be able to live a bit of that damn anarchy that we keep talking about. Establish a little anarchy in every moment of your daily life."

You can keep updated on the different solidarity actions for Ruymán Rodríguez here at the Derry Anarchist Black Cross website:

abcireland.wordpress.com



Talking Anarchy is part of our ongoing educational work in which each issue will touch on areas of anarchism, prominent figures as well as historical events.

Claramunt is considered one of the key founders of anarcho-feminism, bringing gender roles to the centre of the anarchist debate. She published numerous magazines on class struggle and women's self-liberation, and remains one the most influencial figures -often ignored- in Spanish anarchism. She was a textile worker in Sabadell, where she quickly founded an anarchist affinity group. In October 1884, Claramunt was one of the founders of the general section of the anarcho-collectivist workers of Sabadell, and in 1892 she was one of the founders of Spain's first feminist organization, the 'Sociedad Autónoma de Mujeres de Barcelona'.

In 1893 Claramunt was arrested along with many well-known anarchists after several bombs exploded in the Liceu Theatre. She was arrested again after a bomb attack on the Corpus Christi procession in Barcelona in June 1896, which gave rise to a wave of repression against the anarchist movement in what would become the infamous Montjuic Trials. Claramunt, like hundreds of workers, was severely tortured, making her develop multiple health problems. Although she was not convicted of any offense, she was exiled until 1898.

During this time she lived in France and England, working as a weaver and, along with Louise Michel, Ferrer i Guardia, Emma Goldman and many other anarchist comrades, organised speaches and rallies denouncing the brutal torture of anarchist prisoners by the Spanish State.

As a result of the events of the Tragic Week, she was arrested again in August 1909 and exiled to Saragossa. By 1911 she was campaigning for the local workers to join the newly founded CNT. In 1924 she returned to Barcelona. A progressive paralysis developed during her time in Montjuic would eventually force her to withdraw from activism. She died in 1931, on the eve of the restoration of the Republic. Fifty thousand people attended her funeral.

#### BOOKS ON TERESA CLARAMUNT

The following books are on Teresa Claramunt related works:

Pionera del feminismo obrerista anarquista, by Laura Vicente.

Teresa Claramunt: La "virgen roja" barcelonesa, by Maria A. Pradas

The books listed above are available to purchase online or from your nearest radical or independent bookshops.

# **Palestine General Strike**

Anarchist opinion piece on what's next for the struggle in Palestine



On Tuesday May 18th, the Higher Monitoring Committee, the de facto representative of the Arab middle class in Israel, called for a general strike in protest for the brutal Israeli military offence on the Palestinian population.

Huge numbers of workers went on strike in the construction sector -where only 150 out of 65,000 construction workers turned up for work-, as well as 5000 cleaners and 10% of bus drivers. The general strike was also picked up and spread across Palestine by youth and grassroots groups.

However, the general strike itself was called 'from above' and was essencially interclassist. Presented as a unified national fight against the system of apartheid, it saw many Arab bosses offering a day off to their own employees, it was widely embraced by middle class professionals, and both Fatah and Hamas enthusiastically ordered their own public sector workers to join in.

But neither the bosses, Hamas nor Fatah have any interest in working class people.

On the contrarty, they remain true to the interests of international powers, in the same way Israel does. Hamas' shelling of Israeli territory with 3,000 rockets was a propagandistic act of strength designed to shore up its increasingly unstable local position by tightening its grasp on the population.

We should remind ourselves that when Hamas took power in 2007, one of their first acts was to repress the existing Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions (PGFTU). When members resisted, they attacked the homes and offices of leading trade unionists with rockets. More recently, in March 2019, the Hamas-led government cracked down on peaceful demonstrations against economic hardship, arresting and beating thousands of workers.

The occupation obviously allows Israeli corporations to hold the Palestinian market captive, selling at incredibly high prices while forcing Palestine to export at low prices to Israel alone.

The swelling Palestinian working class is forced to seek employment in Israel, but has no security due to the apartheid. Its labour is sold cheap as it has nowhere else to go, and it often faces brutal conditions and abuse.

These low wages are then used as a pretext to lower the wages of the also impoverished Israeli working class as well, two million of whom are in poverty and rely on charity just to eat twice a day. We could carry on calling it Zionism, but this is nothing but capitalism working to perfection, and no State, be it Israeli or be it Palestinian, will put an end to it.

For as long as workers in Israel/Palestine are fed the nationalist myth of 'we are all in this together', 'we are one' and such fairytales, we can expect the war to go on.

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# Two Cheers for Anarchism: James C. Scott

James C Scott is a professor of Anthropology and Anarchist thinker. His other works include Against the Grain, The Art of Not Being Governed and Seeing Like a State. These works largely focus on pre-state societies and peasant resistances in South-East Asia.

Two Cheers for Anarchism is Scott's attempt to convince people who may have little knowledge or experience of Anarchism to approach the world with an "Anarchist squint". In this, it is quite successful. Scott, in a disorganised and sometimes rambling and often amusing way takes the reader through experiences and memories, that have encouraged Scott to acquire an anarchist sensibility, and to consider or reconsider the need of hierarchy and rules in private and public life.

He uses the law of Anarchist Calisthenics which in essence is the breaking of small rules that seem arbitrary so that we are ready when it's time to break the larger rules when it becomes necessary. He first considered this about doing this was while in Germany he crossed at traffic lights when it was perfectly safe to do so but while the light was red and had been for some while. The other pedestrians admonished him through their looks and verbally.

This actually had an effect on Scott who was reluctant to repeat the act. Scott thought on this and wished he had responded to the admonishers: "You know, you and especially your grand-parents could have used more of a spirit of law-breaking. One day you will be called upon to break a big law in the name of justice and rationality. Everything will depend on it. You have to be ready. How are you going to prepare for the day when it really matters?



"You have to stay 'in shape' so that when the big day comes you will be ready. What you need is 'Anarchist Calisthenics'. Every day or so break some trivial law that makes no sense even if it only jaywalking. Use your own head to judge whether a law is just or reasonable. That way, you'll keep trim, and when the big day comes, you'll be ready."

While the traffic light system seems to be insignificant, it got Scott thinking about the irrationality and arbitrary nature of rules and rule makers. Scott speaks about other ways of unorganised rebellion though history such as poaching or otherwise using the 'king's' land. In this, he shows that for as long as there have been rules there has always been ways of subverting systems which have never been recorded in history to be formally cited as acts of resistance.

What this book is not, is a discussion in any way shape or form, about the history or theories of Anarchism, and indeed the author tells us this in his introduction. It is rather a collection of fragments and thoughts which can shed light on how we interact with each other as we navigate our work, and our play. I found most the ideas useful, and it helped me understand that a lot of our routines and rigmarole are merely rituals that we have not questioned for a very long time. The author says no more and no call for revolution is made, however, the effective interrogation of these rituals could and should lead to the interrogation of the structures and processes that continue to oppress all of us.

Overall, this is an enjoyable read with some interesting ideas and it works on the level that it's pitched.

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women, and minority ethnic and religious groups. An Injury to One is an Injury to All.

Over the last six months – and closer to home – anarchists in Belfast have taken part in solidarity actions alongside the revolutionary union, the IWW in their struggle to abolish the wage system and free us from the bosses grip. As comrades across Britain took to the streets to fight against the encroaching policing of life, Belfast Anarchists have dropped banners in solidarity #KilltheBill. In Ireland, we watched once again as our comrades in Palestine were catapulted to the top of the world's consciousness as Zionist cops pulled them from their homes and supplanted them with colonisers. We stood on white lines alongside those who have struggled against co-Ionialism in Ireland and in Palestine, joined as activists emptied Asda's shelves of Israeli goods, and carried the 'No War but Class War' message alongside hundreds in a spontaneous march on the BBC in support of the people of Palestine.

We are setting up a new news-sheet for anarchist and liberationist groups, Caora Dhubh (Black Sheep) and we hope to share news and views from anarchists, feminists, abolitionists, environmental activists, hunt-sabs, queer and trans liberationists, and everyone struggling against systems of oppression in the world we all share. Slowly but surely, we are making new connections, and writing a new chapter in Belfast's anti-authoritarian left. So as Loyalist bosses are promising a "long-hot summer" to destabilise society for their own nationaistic ends; as fascists seek to mine the growing pool of Anti-Vaxxers for cannon fodder; and as TERFs try to police trans bodies, we must unite our communities in common struggle to fight against the bosses, the politicians, the capitalists, and all who labour to keep us down. For a world where all are free.

#### Dlúthpháirtíocht go deo!

For more information on how you can get involved:

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## **Reaching Out & Useful Contacts**

If you would like to get involved with anarchists locally, take part in anarchist activity, discussions and conversations, prisoner support or contribute to Barricade Bulletin, then drop us a line to our email listed below:

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If there are no anarchist groups active where you live or work then think about creating one and let us know so we can advertise it or help out.

Anarchist Black Cross abcireland.wordpress.com

Derry Radical Bookfair derryradicalbookfair.wordpress.com

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# Who We Are:

We are a class struggle anarchist collective, organised by and for working class people. As anarchists we are opposed to all states and institutions, and all attitudes and ideologies that stand in the way of equality and the right of all people everywhere to control their own lives and environment. The working class has no country.

The class struggle is world wide and recognises no artificial boundaries. The Armies and Police of all states do not exist to protect the workers of those states, they exist only as the repressive arm of the ruling class.

#### **Our Aim**

Our aim is to abolish world wide, the state system, governments, capitalism and the wage slavery in all its forms and replace them with a free classless society based on self-managed communities and industries where production is for need not profit. In order to bring about an anarchist society the working class must take over the means of production and distribution, along with the day-to-day running of our communities.

### What We Believe

As anarchists we believe that the only way for the working class to

achieve this is by independent organisation in the workplace and the community. In federation with others in the same industry and locality, independent of and opposed to all political parties and trade union bureaucracies. Industrial and community federations must be controlled by the working class themselves and must unite rather than divide the working class.

Dividing the working class by skin colour, religion, sex, nationality, sexual preference etc. is one of the main ways that the ruling class keeps us fighting amongst ourselves instead of against them. In creating a free society we must combat and destroy these divisions which the ruling class fosters within the working class.

### **Get Involved**

Derry Anarchist Collective exists in order to further our aim for the creation of a social system where the working class alone controls industry and the community, free from the dictates, rules and laws of politicians, bureaucrats and bosses. If you share the ideas contained in this statement then we urge you to get involved with us.

Governments don't fall down by themselves, they need your help.

You can write to us at: derryanarchists@gmail.com